

1. You are not required to justify your answer in this question.

Denote by  $A$  the set of all non-zero polynomial functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Define  $G = \left\{ (f, g) \mid f, g \in A \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ exists in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Define  $R = (A, A, G)$ .

Note that  $R$  is a relation in  $A$  with graph  $G$ .

For each statement below, decide whether it is true or false:

- (a)  $R$  is reflexive.
- (b)  $R$  is symmetric.
- (c)  $R$  is anti-symmetric.
- (d)  $R$  is transitive.

2. Define  $J = \left\{ ((s, t), (u, v)) \mid \begin{array}{l} s, t, u, v \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ and} \\ [s < u \text{ or } (s = u \text{ and } t \leq v)] \end{array} \right\}$ , and  $T = (\mathbb{N}^2, \mathbb{N}^2, J)$ .

Note that  $J \subset \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{N}^2$ . Hence  $T$  is a relation in  $\mathbb{N}^2$  with graph  $J$ .

Fill in the blanks in the blocks below, all labelled by capital-letter Roman numerals, with appropriate words so that it gives a proof for the statement (A1), a proof for the statement (A2), a proof for the statement (A3), a proof for the statement (A4), and a proof for the statement (A5). (The ‘underline’ for each blank bears no definite relation with the length of the answer for that blank.)

- (a) Here we prove the statement (A1):

(A1)  $T$  is reflexive.

We verify the statement ‘           (I)  $p \in \mathbb{N}^2$ ,            (II)           ’:  
           (III)  $p \in \mathbb{N}^2$ .            (IV)  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$             (V)           .  
 We have  $s = s$             (VI)           .  
 Then by the definition of  $J$ , we have            (VI)           .  
 It follows that  $T$  is reflexive.

- (b) Here we prove the statement (A2):

(A2)  $T$  is anti-symmetric.

We verify the statement ‘           (I)            then            (II)           ’:  
 Pick any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}^2$ .            (III)           .  
 There exist some  $s, t, u, v \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p = (s, t)$  and  $q = (u, v)$ .  
 Since  $(p, q) \in J$ , we have  $(s < u \text{ or } (s = u \text{ and } t \leq v))$ .  
 Then  $s \leq u$             (IV)            ( $s < u$             (V)             $t \leq v$ ), by the Law of Distribution for conjunction and disjunction.  
 In particular,  $s \leq u$ .  
 Since            (VI)           , we also deduce            (VII)            by modifying the argument above.  
 Then  $s \leq u$  and            (VIII)           . Therefore  $s = u$ .  
 Now recall that  $(s < u \text{ or } (s = u \text{ and } t \leq v))$ .  
 Then  $s = u$  and            (IX)           . In particular,  $t \leq v$ .  
 Similarly, we deduce that            (X)           .  
 Then  $t \leq v$             (XI)             $v \leq t$ . Therefore            (XII)           .  
 Then  $s = u$  and  $t = v$ . Hence            (XIII)           .  
 It follows that  $T$  is anti-symmetric.

- (c) Here we prove the statement (A3):

(A3)  $T$  is transitive.

We verify the statement ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ (I) \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_ (II) \_\_\_\_\_ ’.

Pick any  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}^2$ . \_\_\_\_\_ (III) \_\_\_\_\_

\* (Case 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ (IV) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $(p, r) = (q, r) \in J$ .

\* (Case 2.) Suppose  $q = r$ . Then \_\_\_\_\_ (V) \_\_\_\_\_.

\* (Case 3.) Suppose \_\_\_\_\_ (VI) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ (VII) \_\_\_\_\_.

Since \_\_\_\_\_ (VIII) \_\_\_\_\_, we have  $s < u$  or  $(s = u$  and  $t \leq v)$ .

Since  $p \neq q$ , ‘ $s = u$  and  $t = v$ ’ is \_\_\_\_\_ (IX) \_\_\_\_\_.

Then we have  $s < u$  \_\_\_\_\_ (X) \_\_\_\_\_ ( $s = u$  \_\_\_\_\_ (XI) \_\_\_\_\_  $t < v$ ).

Since \_\_\_\_\_ (XII) \_\_\_\_\_, we can also deduce that \_\_\_\_\_ (XIII) \_\_\_\_\_, by modifying the argument above.

Now we have  $[s < u$  or  $(s = u$  and  $t < v)]$  and  $[u < w$  or  $(u = w$  and  $v < x)]$ .

\* (Case 3a.) Suppose  $s < u$  and  $u < w$ . Then \_\_\_\_\_ (XIV) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Therefore  $s < w$  or  $(s = w$  and  $t < x)$ .

\* (Case 3b.) \_\_\_\_\_ (XV) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $s < u = w$ .  
Therefore  $s < w$  or  $(s = w$  and  $t < x)$ .

\* (Case 3c.) \_\_\_\_\_ (XVI) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $s = u < w$ .  
Therefore  $s < w$  or  $(s = w$  and  $t < x)$ .

\* (Case 3d.) \_\_\_\_\_ (XVII) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $s = u = w$  and  $t < v < x$ .  
Therefore  $s < w$  or  $(s = w$  and  $t < x)$ .

Then in any case  $s < w$  or  $(s = w$  and  $t < x)$ . Hence \_\_\_\_\_ (XVIII) \_\_\_\_\_.

Hence in any case,  $(p, r) \in J$ .

It follows that  $T$  is transitive.

(d) Here we prove the statement (A4):

(A4)  $T$  is strongly connected.

We verify the statement ‘For any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , \_\_\_\_\_ (I) \_\_\_\_\_’.

\_\_\_\_\_ (II) \_\_\_\_\_.

There exist some  $s, t, u, v \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p = (s, t)$  and  $q = (u, v)$ .

We have  $s < u$  or  $s = u$  or  $s > u$ .

\* (Case 1.) Suppose  $s < u$ . Then \_\_\_\_\_ (III) \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore  $(p, q) \in J$ .

\* (Case 2.) \_\_\_\_\_ (IV) \_\_\_\_\_. We have  $t \leq v$  \_\_\_\_\_ (V) \_\_\_\_\_  $v \leq t$ .

\* (Case 2a.) \_\_\_\_\_ (VI) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $s = u$  and  $t \leq v$ .  
Therefore  $s < u$  or  $(s = u$  and  $t \leq v)$ . Hence  $(p, q) \in J$ .

\* (Case 2b.) \_\_\_\_\_ (VII) \_\_\_\_\_. Then  $u = s$  and  $v \leq t$ .  
Therefore  $u < s$  or  $(u = s$  and  $v \leq t)$ . Hence \_\_\_\_\_ (VIII) \_\_\_\_\_.

\* (Case 3.) \_\_\_\_\_ (IX) \_\_\_\_\_. Then \_\_\_\_\_ (X) \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ (XI) \_\_\_\_\_.

Hence in any case, \_\_\_\_\_ (XII) \_\_\_\_\_.

It follows that  $T$  is strongly connected.

(e) Here we prove the statement (A5):

(A5)  $T$  is a well-ordered relation in  $\mathbb{N}^2$ .

According to the previous parts,  $T$  is a total ordering.

From now on, we write  $p \leq_{\text{lex}} q$  exactly when  $(p, q) \in J$ .

We verify the statement ‘          (I)           subset  $B$  of           (II)          , if           (III)          , then           (IV)          ’:  
          (V)          . Take some  $p \in B$ .           (VI)           such that  $p = (u, v)$ .

- Define the set  $B' = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : (x, y) \in B \text{           (VII)           } y \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

$B'$  is a           (VIII)           according to its definition.

By definition of  $B'$ ,           (IX)          . Then  $B'$  is non-empty.

By the Well-ordering Principle for Integers,  $B'$  has a           (X)          . Denote it by  $s$ .

- Define  $B'' = \{y \in \mathbb{N} : (s, y) \in B\}$ .

$B''$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  according to its definition.

Recall that  $s \in B'$ . Then by definition of  $B'$ ,           (XI)            $w \in \mathbb{N}$            (XII)          .

By definition of  $B''$ ,  $w \in B''$ .

Therefore           (XIII)          .

By           (XIV)          ,  $B''$  has a least element.

Denote it by  $t$ .

- We verify that  $(s, t)$  is the least element of  $B$  with respect to  $T$ .

According to the definition for the notion of least element, we verify the statement ‘          (XV)          ’.

Pick any  $q \in B$ . By definition,  $q \in \mathbb{N}^2$ .

Then there exist some  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q = (x, y)$ .

By definition of  $B'$ ,           (XVI)          , we have  $x \in B'$ .

Then, since           (XVII)          , we have  $s \leq x$ .

Note that  $s < x$            (XVIII)            $s = x$ .

- \* (Case 1.) Suppose  $s < x$ . Then  $s < x$            (XIX)           ( $s = x$            (XX)            $t \leq y$ ).

Therefore  $(s, t) \leq_{\text{lex}} (x, y) = q$ .

- \* (Case 2.)           (XXI)          . Then, by definition of  $B''$ , since  $(s, y) = (x, y) \in B$ , we have           (XXII)          .

Now, since  $t$  is a least element of  $B''$ , we have           (XXIII)          .

Then  $s = x$  and  $t \leq y$ . Therefore  $s < x$  or  $(s = x$  and  $t \leq y)$ .

Then           (XXIV)          .

Hence, in any case,  $(s, t) \leq_{\text{lex}} q$ .

It follows that  $T$  is a well-order relation in  $\mathbb{N}^2$ .

3. Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, P)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $P = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \text{There exists some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } y = 2^n x\}$ .

(a) Verify that  $R$  is a partial ordering in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Is  $R$  a total ordering in  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Why?

(c) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Why?

4. Let  $R = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, G)$  be the relation in  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $G = \{(x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } |y - x| \leq 1\}$ .

(a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.

- (b) Is  $R$  symmetric? Justify your answer.
- (c) Is  $R$  anti-symmetric? Justify your answer.
- (d) Is  $R$  transitive? Justify your answer.
- (e) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Is  $R$  a partial ordering in  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Or neither? Why?
5. Let  $A = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a function and } \varphi(0) = 0. \}$ . Define the relation  $R = (A, A, H)$  in  $A$  by  $H = \{ (\varphi, \psi) \in A^2 : \varphi(n+1) - \varphi(n) \leq \psi(n+1) - \psi(n) \text{ for any } n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ .
- (a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.
- (b) Verify that  $R$  is transitive.
- (c) Is  $R$  a partial ordering in  $A$ ? Justify your answer.
- (d) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $A$ ? Justify your answer.
6. Define the relation  $R = (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, G)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $G = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : \text{There exist some } m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } y = mx + n. \}$ .
- (a) Verify that  $R$  is reflexive.
- (b) Verify that  $R$  is transitive.
- (c) Verify that  $R$  is not a partial ordering in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (d) Is  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ? Justify your answer.
7. Let  $I = (0, +\infty)$ ,  $J = [-1, 1]$ .
- (a) Prove that  $\frac{1}{a+1} \in J$  for any  $a \in I$ .
- (b) Define the function  $g : I \rightarrow J$  by  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  for any  $x \in I$ . Is  $g$  injective? Justify your answer.
- (c) Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $I \sim J$ .
8. Let  $A = [-1, 1]$ ,  $B = (-4, -2] \cup [2, 4)$ .
- (a) Name one injective function from  $A$  to  $B$ , if there is any at all, and verify that it is indeed an injective function from  $A$  to  $B$ .
- (b) Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem, or otherwise, to prove that  $A$  is of cardinality equal to  $B$ .
9.  $\diamond$  Let  $A = [1010, 1050] \setminus \{1030\}$  and  $B = (2040, 2050) \cup ([2060, +\infty) \cap \mathbb{Q})$ .
- (a) Name one injective function from  $A$  to  $B$ , if there is any at all, and verify that it is indeed an injective function from  $A$  to  $B$ .
- (b) Apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem to prove that  $A \sim B$ .
10. Let  $D = \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| \leq 1 \}$ . Define  $F = \left\{ (z, w) \mid z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } w \in D \text{ and } w = \frac{iz|z|}{1 + |z| + |z|^2} \right\}$ . Note that  $F \subset \mathbb{C} \times D$ . Define  $f = (\mathbb{C}, D, F)$ .
- (a)  $\diamond$  Verify that  $f$  is a function.
- (b)  $\diamond$  Is  $f$  injective? Justify your answer.
- (c) Is  $f$  surjective? Justify your answer.
- (d) Is it true that  $D \sim \mathbb{C}$ ? Justify your answer.
- Remark.** Where appropriate and relevant, you may apply the Schröder-Bernstein Theorem in your argument.
11. *You are not required to justify your answer in this question.*
- Consider the sets below. Classify them according to whether such a set is of cardinality equal to  $\mathbb{N}$ , or whether it is of cardinality equal to  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ , or whether it is of cardinality equal to  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N}))$ .

$\mathbb{N}$ ,	$\mathbb{Q}$ ,	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ ,	$\text{Map}(\{0, 1\}, \mathbb{N})$ ,
$\mathbb{N}^3$ ,	$[0, 1]$ ,	$\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ ,	$\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \{0, 1\})$ ,
$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,	$\mathbb{C}$ ,	$\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{R})$ ,	$\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\})$ .